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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION CANBERRA FROM MELBOURNE SEPT 16 RPTD  
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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L MELBOURNE 1716

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, AS  
SUBJ: MEETING WITH ROBERT HAWKE

1. CONSUL GENERAL AND EMBOFF HAD LONG CONVERSATION  
WITH ACTU PRESIDENT BOB HAWKE SEPT 16. HAWKE  
OPENED CONVERSATION BY COMPLAINING THAT THE MELBOURNE  
AGE HAD MISREPRESENTED HIS POSITION ON THE ANZUS  
ALLIANCE. HAWKE SAID HE SUPPORTED ANZUS BUT FELT  
EXTENSIVE PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE HELD TO COME UP  
WITH PROPOSALS TO MOVE ANZUS AWAY FROM BEING A PURELY  
DEFENSIVE MILITARY ALLIANCE AND TO MAKE IT MORE OF AN  
ALLIANCE IN WHICH OTHER ISSUES COULD BE DISCUSSED AS  
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WELL. CONSUL GENERAL AND EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT

POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED EXTENSIVELY AT ALL ANZUS MEETINGS. HAWKE SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO KNOW THIS BUT THAT HE FELT THAT CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES WERE NEEDED TO MAKE THE AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC AWARE OF THIS.

2. HE ADDED SOMEWHAT WEAKLY THAT IT WAS FOR THOSE REASONS THAT HE SIGNED THE PETITION WHICH APPEARED IN THE SEPT 12 EDITION OF THE NATIONAL TIMES. HE NEVER READ WHAT OTHER PEOPLE HAD SIGNED A PETITION BUT LOOKED AT EACH PETITION ONLY ON ITS MERITS. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT IT DIDN'T MAKE SENSE TO ALLOW THE LEFT WING TO HOLD A CONFERENCE ON SUCH AN ISSUE WITHOUT SOME RESPONSIBLE PARTICIPANTS, AND EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER PEACOCK AND MFA OFFICIALS HAD REFUSED TO ATTEND THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE ENDORSED BY THE NATIONAL TIMES PETITION.

3. A NUMBER OF OTHER ISSUES WERE COVERED WHICH EMBOFF WILL REPORT ON UPON RETURN TO CANBERRA.

4. COMMENT: HAWKE WASTED NO TIME EXPLAINING HIS POSITION ON ANZUS AND THE PETITION. HIS REASONS FOR SIGNING IT WERE NOT PERSUASIVE. WE BELIEVE IT WAS A TACTICAL MOVE ON HIS PART TO GAIN LEFT WING SUPPORT FOR PARLIAMENTARY PRE-SELECTION. AS EVIDENCED BY HIS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WILL NOT SEEK PRE-SELECTION AT THIS TIME THIS PLOY FAILED MISERABLY. BRAND UNQUOTE HARGROVE

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